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without retaliation from NATO.
(Internal link)

5. Greater likelihood of Russian influence and potential “hot” war in Eastern Europe results with millions losing lives. (Impact)



KEY POINT

Topicality and disadvantage argument briefs need to be structured in a stylized fashion to appeal to experienced judges.



ON FILE

As you read, one way to think about disadvantages is as unintended consequences of a policy. The following website lists unintended consequences, both good and bad: infomory.com/famous/famous-examples-of-unintended-consequences/. Number 8 on the list is the Peltzman Effect:

It is regrettable that any safety legislation introduced by government (such as mandatory seatbelts, cycle helmets, etc.) will nearly always lead to an increase in the number of injuries and deaths. It is believed that official endorsement of their safety leads users to take greater and greater risks; people believe themselves almost immune, perhaps overestimating the safety aspect of the legislation and the device they are being compelled to use for their own and everybody else's safety. This increase in accidents is called the Peltzman Effect.

One of the best ways to create disadvantages for future policies is to search old policies to find their Peltzman Effect disadvantages. For example, in the 1970s and 1980s, the U.S.



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funded a group of resistance fighters in Afghanistan who opposed the Soviet Union's occupation. That group, known as the Mujahideen, was trained and armed by the United States, but they became radicalized and are now the Taliban, one of the U.S.'s greatest threats. Research this policy or other past policies that developed infamous disadvantages, and then answer the questions on the next page.

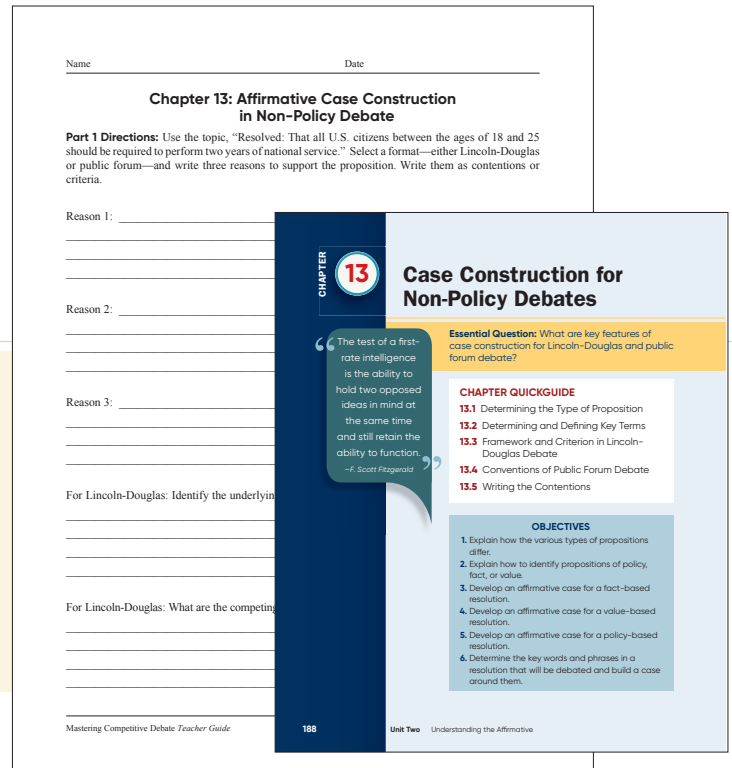
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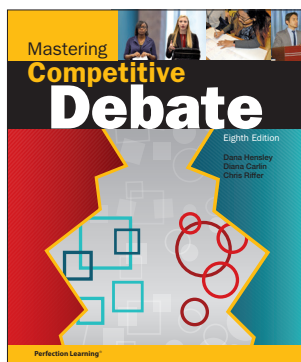
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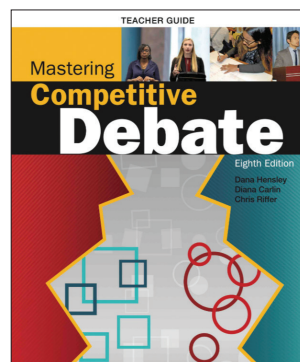
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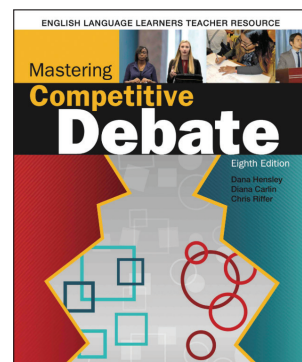
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